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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-7. (canceled)

- 5 8. (currently amended) Padded fishing shorts comprising:
 a trunk portion and legs, said trunk portion having an open top with means for
 securement about the waist of a wearer, a rear area for covering the buttocks of
 the wearer, a frontal crotch area, and opposite sides forming hip areas for
 covering the hips of a wearer, said trunk portion and said trunk portion and said
10 legs having exterior surfaces;
 a plurality of hook and loop material strips attached to said exterior surface of said
 frontal crotch area,
 a padding attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch area by means
 of said hook and loop material strips, said padding is capable of covering a
15 wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that the wearer can rest the butt of
- a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary position used for fighting fish,
- and said padding is removable from said shorts for convenience.

9-18. (canceled)